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# SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT/SUBMISSION

Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified application, please make of record this Second Preliminary Amendment. Consideration of the application is respectfully requested.

#### FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

√ If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

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### **CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST**

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

# **SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS**

- 1.  $\sqrt{\ }$  If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.
- 2.  $\sqrt{\ }$  If checked, amendments to the drawings are submitted herewith.
- 3.  $\sqrt{\ }$  If checked, amendments to the specification are submitted herewith.
- 4.  $\sqrt{\ }$  If checked, amendments to the claims are submitted herewith.

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